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NANTWICH & DISTRICT SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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Dear Members

Very many apologies for the delay in sending you this - how the months have flown and now we're nearly at the end of our dancing season having started enthusiastically our first dancing class on **Monday 4th September**. On **Friday 3rd November** we had our first **Countryside Walk** of the season excellently organised by Ann Williams and Kath Dunn. We had a very interesting walk around **Weston** and area starting at the **White Lion** and returning there for a lovely meal. Very many thanks to Ann and Kath - they arranged a lovely day weather-wise too!



President's & Visitors' Night at the Civic Hall

Monday 6th November saw our **President's & Visitors' Night** at Nantwich Civic Hall when once again the food was really excellent, contributed by our members, and our **MC Stuart** (now Vice President of the Federation) enabled us to have a superb evening of dancing, with an excellent programme put together by Liz and the Entertainments Committee and a very friendly group of visitors to enjoy the evening with us.

Our second term opened on **Monday 8th January** with our **New Year Ceilidh** when the wonderful talents of our members kept us thoroughly entertained for some considerable time. What a lot of lights are hidden under bushels! It was a wonderful evening with lovely food provided by our members and with the added interest of wrapped raffle prizes.

We had a wonderful evening on **Saturday 27th January** for our **Burns' Night** which the Committee, especially our Catering team, had master-minded so brilliantly to blot out last year's disappointment. Our wonderful meal presented by Carl Harvey and his team was enjoyed by everyone in the superb candlelit atmosphere of Sandbach Town Hall followed by a lovely evening of dancing.

We had our own **Liz Bruynooghe** addressing the Haggis which was wonderfully piped in in traditional style by **Ken Unsworth**; our excellent guest speaker to the Immortal Memory was **Sandy Mailer**, Chaplain to the Federation, who spoke about the likelihood of Robert Burns being extremely surprised at how much and with what fervour he is currently remembered; and our own **Chris Makin** and **Jane Longman** gave a superb Toast to the Lasses and the Response, both very skilfully done and very amusing.



Ken Unsworth, leads the "Top Table" to their places



Stuart Ross presents The Haggis!

At the **Federation Arts & Crafts Festival** at Rainhill on **Saturday 17th March** there were several entries from our members with **Kim** scooping Second Prize for her very individual and absolutely delightful exhibit.



Diamond Anniversary Ball, Sandbach Town Hall

On **Saturday 24th March** we held our **Diamond Anniversary Ball** in Sandbach Town Hall where the music was superbly provided by **Frank Thomson and Dave**; the programme was planned by Liz and the Entertainments Committee; Christine and Peter were excellent MCs and the superb buffet was provided by our Caterers, Carl Harvey and his team. This was the first of our celebrations in our Diamond Anniversary Year. **Watch out for information about our Diamond Anniversary Dinner in September!**

We had a very good **Charity Evening** on **Monday 16th April** for Marie Curie and Guide Dogs Puppy Walking Scheme. Many thanks to Maureen for her inspiration and to all our lovely members who supported the charities with such generosity by not only bringing the goods but also buying them and also for their donations.



Afternoon Tea at Hunter's Lodge

Our **Afternoon Tea** at **Hunters Lodge** on **Thursday 26th April** was delightful. Arranged by Sylvia and Cynthia with delicious fare produced by Hunters Lodge, a rather quirky quiz provided by Cynthia and an unusual Chinese raffle with lovely prizes put together by our organisers it was all enjoyed by everyone. So much so that we were nearly asked to order dinner! As you can see from the photographs we were so busy enjoying ourselves we didn't have time to take any photographs until we were almost ready to come home!

We have had such a good year regarding events but over this last year we have lost three invaluable members of our Society, **Elsa, Roger** and **Helenor**. They have each contributed so much to these events in the past that we feel they'll be forever with us but we shall miss them. We also lost a long-standing member, **Betty Gray**, widow of one of our Past Presidents.

Jackie Spence will take over as President at our **AGM** on **Monday 30th April** and although our last dancing class of the season will be on **Monday 21st May** there will be many dances to look forward to over the summer. One dance not to be missed is our very own **Summer Dance** at Worleston on **Friday 22nd June** with music by **Ian Slater**. **Peter's Charity Dance** will follow in Nantwich Civic Hall on **Monday 2nd July** with music by **Marian Anderson** - another "must" for the calendar; so do check up on what awaits you over the late spring and summer, and enjoy!



Dates for your Diary

Mon 30th Apr - AGM

Mon 21st May - End of Season Social

Fri 22nd June - Summer Dance at Worleston VH - £8 plus a plate of food. Music by Ian Slater.

Mon 2nd July - Peter's Charity Dance at Civic Hall - £12 plus a plate of food. Music by Marian Anderson.

Mon 3rd Sept - Start of 2018-19 Season (to be confirmed)

Sat 22nd Sept - 60th Anniversary Dinner at Crewe Golf Club (Members only)

Mon 5th Nov - President's/Visitors' Night at Nantwich Civic Hall

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